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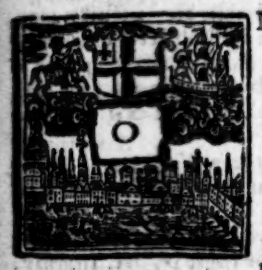
The SECRET HISTORY *and* METAMORPHOSIS *of* NARCISSUS.



ONE of the *Grecian* Poets wrote a very pretty Epigram on a Lady's *Looking-Glass*, but turns it very severely on the Female Sex, by making the Lady, who was somewhat advanc'd in Years, and not so handsome as in her Youth, with the utmost Passion and Indignation, break it to pieces for shewing her what she *was then*, and not what she *had been*.

I know not whether the ancient Author intended Humour and Satire only, without any *Moral* couch'd under them; but I have a long time been sagacious enough to explain the Story thus: That if there was a Mirror which could reflect to us our *Actions* in *Life* as well as *Persons*, and shew our *Defects* as well as *Beauties*, we should be pleas'd enough with what appear'd to us *agreeable*, but as enrag'd as the *Grecian* antiquated Beauty at the *disagreeable* Appearance we should make. The Criticks may say this allegorical Comparison is too forc'd; but I am of Opinion it is just. I am not going to make so grave an Inference as to produce a serious Dissertation; I need carry it no farther than, that a *Looking-Glass*, merely as a *Looking-Glass*, greatly contributes to the Misery or Happiness of Human Life. Had that useful Mirror the *Power* of *Loquacity*, what a Number of Tales it could tell of what *Joy* it has given! what *Troubles* created! how many *Hearts* it had chiefly contributed to make ach! how many *Beauties* had ador'd it! how many *pretty Fellows* were in Love with it! and how many *Coxcombs* it had created! These kind of Reflections will not seem unnatural to my Readers when they have perus'd the following Letter.

To Mr. STONECASTLE.

SIR,

FROM a Custom very uncommon to my Sex, for by my Scrawl you see I am a *Woman*, I have an Opportunity of becoming your Correspondent. You must know that I am *pretty*, and you must consequently know that I *myself know* it. From this Gift of Nature I confess I have some Vanity, and am mightily pleas'd, every now and then, to take a Peep at myself in a *Glass*. I am beholden to that dear Representative for all my killing *Glances*, dying *Looks*, inspiring *Smiles*, tyrannic *Frowns*, hobling *Trip*, jauntee *Swim*, hoyden *Jump*, modish *Swing swang* of my *Hoop*, and a thousand——thousand other pretty Oddities and Charms.——But what is all this to a grave *Censorial Spectator* of Mankind? cries *philosophic* Mr. *Stonecastle*. ——You shall hear.——As I was, the other Night, sitting at my Dressing-Table to undress me and put on my *Night-Dress*, I could not for the Life of me adjust the Situation of a *Patch*; I plac'd it, pull'd it off, put it in another Place, pull'd it off, replac'd it, dislik'd it. The little foolish Thing gave me infinite Plague. At last I cry'd out, *The Deuce is in the* Glass, *I believe*, ——when I heard a soft Voice, as from behind it, whisper,—— *How unhappy is* Dormant, *unjustly to suffer the Censure of the Fair! Are my Sorrows to have no End?*——I started at this Voice, which though small, was articulate: I could not believe my Ears: I look'd under the Table; then ponder'd whether some imaginary Whimsy had not possess'd me. Amidst these Cogitations I heard a *Sigh* from the Glass: I look'd at it in Amaze! When presently another *Sigh* follow'd, and then the Voice address'd me thus:

THOUGH surpriz'd, *Madam*, be not too much alarm'd: Recompose yourself, and you shall hear the History and Metamorphosis of the poor *Narcissus*; a young Fellow once of as much *Vanity*, *Gaiety* and *good Opinion* of *himself* as any in the whole Circle of the Beau Monde.

About two Years ago I was sent by my Father from the North of *England*, to study at the *Temple* the *Laws* of the Land: I was a Novice to the Town, nor had seen more Gaiety than what is to be met with in a Country Corporation. I had not been long at Chambers before I renew'd my Acquaintance with some young Gentlemen I knew at the University: They soon began to ridicule my *keeping up* in Chambers, my *plain Dress*, and my not having an *Ambition* of going to *publick Places*, *Dancing* with *Ladies*, and, in short, for not setting up for a *very pretty Fellow*. Their *roasting* me began to make me think, that if I was to *dress* I should become as good a *Beau Garcon* as the best of them. After some *amusing Thoughts* on this Topic I resolv'd to *strike a bold Stroke*. The next Day I order'd my Taylor, after a *grand Consultation* between us, to make me as modish a Coat, and as pretty fancied lac'd Waistcoat as possible: I gave as proper Orders to my Milliner, Perukemaker, Hatter, Shoe-maker, &c. &c. In a Fortnight I had all my Apparatus, for a Beau, ready. The first Place that I was advis'd to make my Appearance in, and to initiate myself into the modest Assurance requisite for a pretty Fellow, was *behind* the *Scenes* of a *Play-house*. I agreed to it, and was to be accompany'd by *Jack Trifle*, who has a great Acquaintance with the *Actors*, and, if you'll believe him, great *Secrets* with the *Actresses*. When, by Aid and Assistance of my Barber, I was dress'd, I could not help taking a Turn before the *Looking-Glass*. How was I surpriz'd! how pleas'd! I view'd myself, review'd myself; my Shape look'd more debonair, my Face more smirking: Indeed I thought I was somewhat like a *French Lacquy*, but that did not diminish from the good Opinion I had of myself. After I had sufficiently *admir'd* my Person and Dress in private, I set out from my Chambers to *expose* it to the Publick. I went to *George's*, took a Turn or two, set my Wig before the Glass, bless my pretty Face, and so with my Friend to the Play. Behind the Scenes I was at first somewhat reserv'd, as having never seen the Custom of *pretty Fellows* there; I observ'd my Friend's Manner, after whom I was to copy. He introduc'd me into a Place I had heard much talk'd of, call'd the *Green Room*, in which there were several very pretty Fellows laughing, joking, and double-entendering, with *Queens*, *Ladies*, *Shepherdesses*, *Goddesses*, &c. Though I found the Conversation did not consist of so much Wit but I might have join'd in it, yet I contented myself with being the *Chorus* in a *Horse-Laugh*. From hence my Friend carried me to the *Side Scene*, where I was to display myself to the Audience; but at first I was a little shock'd at the Thought of having so many *Ladies* Eyes turn'd upon *me*; but *Jack's* pull by the Sleeve introduc'd me full upon the Stage. After a Moment's Recollection I put myself in the best Attitude I could, to strike the *Side* and *Front Boxes*. While I was thinking how many Hearts I was wounding, a tumultuous Noise of *Off the Stage*, *Off the Stage*, destroy'd my imaginary Conquests. I had not Courage to stand the rude Uproar of the Pit, so decently retreated behind the Scene; for which *Jack*, who *stood it out*, afterwards laugh'd at me for a Fool. After this I improv'd every Hour; went to Court, to the Operas, Assemblies, Masquerades, Plays, and the Lord Mayor's or Sheriffs Feast. I bow'd in the Drawing-Room to those I never knew; spoke to those I had never seen, and talk'd of others whom I had never heard of; and was as errant a fine Gentleman as the Town produc'd.

As I acquir'd Accomplishments I acquir'd Vanity and Self-Admiration, every Day I grew more fond of beholding my Person; and if it had not been to make Conquests, I had rather have been in a Room where there were several *fine Pier Glasses*, than where there were several *fine Women*. But as those Creatures, who are fond, proud and vain of themselves as the Beaus, must be address'd, I spent not a little of my Time *dangling* after them, playing, toying and laughing with them, and making Satires, Panegyricks and Scandal upon them. Tir'd of being a general Lover I single out my *Flame*, a young Lady of *Forty thousand Pounds* Fortune, whom I saw in the Side-Box. I *advertis'd* her, the Cloaths she wore, the *Colour* of her *Hair* and *Eyes*, her *Shape*, her *Air*, and all that. This avail'd me nothing, though it diverted the *old Mumpsimus's* at the Coffee-House. At last I met with the Dear Creature at the Opera, and found out who she *was*, and where she *liv'd*, whom she was *acquainted* with, and where she *visited*. I was not long before I was in her *Company*, and, in a Day or two, in her *Heart*. As I was a *Beau*, she was a *Coquette*; therefore our Courtship was often very odd: If I was over Complaisant, she would give herself a thousand Airs; if particularly tender I express'd my Passion, she would laugh at me, hum an Opera Tune, and walk to the Window. But if her *tell tale Eyes* languish'd a tender Regard for *Narcissus*, I cry'd out, *Oh Heavens! How foolish is all this!*——Then stepping to the *Pier-Glass*, adjusted my Garniture, and cutting a little Caper, sung,

What weak Fools some Lovers prove
Not much Merit to assume:
For, like Charity, *our* Love
Should begin the first at home.

I was one Day giving myself these Airs, when my angry *Statira* gave me a *Box* on the *Ear*, call'd me *Coxcomb*, and wish'd I was *metamorphos'd* into a *Looking-Glass* I was so fond of.—— Before I could *repartee* she had left the Room, and I found I had carried the Jest too far. I retir'd to my Chambers chagrin'd, but thought the best way was, not only to put up the Affront, but give a gallant Turn to it. Accordingly I sent the Lady the following Verses:

On DORINDA's WISH.

YOU ask the Gods, my angry Fair,
To bring a *Miracle* to pass;
To change, if they will hear your Pray'r,
Your *Lover* to a *Looking Glass*.

Do you wish thus to *punish* me?
If so: You ask my greatest Blessing:
Gladly would I that *Mirror* be,
Were I to be in your possessing.

With Rapture then should I behold
Each latent *Charm*, each killing *Grace*,
By *me* your Power should be told,
When nice the *coquette Patch* you place.

On *me* with *Pleasure* you would smile,
No fav'rite Swain could *me* surpass:
I'd give the World, if I awhile,
Ye Gods! could be *Dorinda's* Glass.

These Verses I sent to *Dorinda*; the miraculous Consequence will surprize you.

The History *of* Narcissus, *full of wonderful Events, to be continued in our next.*

MONDAY. *Cockpit, Whitehall.*

According to Cuſtom, the Members in one *particular Intereſt* have aſſembled here to hear his ———'s Speech read, which informs the People the *Queen* of *Hungary* will be vigorouſly ſupported; that *ſtrong Alliances* are made with the Kings of *Pruſſia* and *Sardinia*, the *Czarina* and other Powers; that the *Electoral* Troops of *Hanover*, and the *Heſſian* Forces in *Britiſh* Pay, have march'd to act in Conjunction with the Britiſh and Auſtrian Forces, to be enabled to execute ſome great Deſign: For all which Purpoſes *Supplies* are requir'd, and the *Diſpatch* of them recommended.

TUESDAY. *From a Political Obſervatory.*

We hear ſome Adepts in Aſtronomy have prognoſticated a *new Star* will ſoon appear in our Hemiſphere, with a *Cærulean Circle* attending it: The firſt Diſcovery will be at *Bath*; but what kind of *Luſtre* it will beſt, or what *Influence* or *Portent* it may have on the Affairs of Great Britain are not aſcertain'd: Some, indeed, ſay, after it has been a ſhort Time ſeen here it will ſhape its Courſe to a more *Weſtern Iſland*, and ſhed its *peculiar Influence* there.

Portents and Prodigies are grown ſo frequent
That they have loſt their Name. DRYDEN.

WEDNESDAY. *Parliament Coffee-Houſe, Court of Requeſts.*

There were very *great Debates* yeſterday, and what has ſurpriz'd many, *One* of the moſt *eminent Patiots* ſpoke warmly *for* the very Point he had ever before as *warmly oppos'd*: Several others ſhew'd that their *Sentiments* and *Tone* were chang'd in a few Months. ——— Muſt we ſay, *All Men* are *Corrupt*, there is not One doth Righteous, no not one.———*No, we hope there are more than* Twelve juſt Men *left* yet.

THURSDAY. *St. James's Coffee-Houſe.*

We hear a *Political Chymiſt* has found out a grand Arcanum of making the *Tincture Lethæa*, or the *Tincture of Lethe*; a few Drops of which has that wonderful Efficacy, as to eradicate entirely the Memory of whatever was done or ſaid a whole Life before, and to ſuffer no Ideas in the Mind but what ariſe *de novo* after having taking this obliviatory Tincture.——— 'Tis expected the Adept will have a *Patent Royal*, he having try'd the Experiment on ſome *Great Men*, who will, no doubt, recommend ſo uſeful an *Inveſtigation*.——N. B. *Great Quantities are beſpoke by Mr.* D—d, *in the Court of* Requeſts, *for the Uſe of*——— *ſeveral Gentlemen who do not chuſe to have their Names made public.*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Ratiſbon, Nov. 15. The French Army which has paſs'd the Danube under the Command of Marſhal Maillebois, encamp'd the 13th Inſtant at Pfader in the ſaid River, within two or three Leagues of Straubingen, The Rear-Guard, which ſtaid on this Side of the Danube, has coaſted along that River, and taken Poſt near Wohrt over-againſt Pfader, where a Bridge of Communication has been laid. Only a Detachment of French Troops is left in this Neighbourhood, to cover the Workmen that are fortifying Stadt-Amhoff. The French intend to make that Town a Place of Arms, and eſtabliſh large Magazines in it: For this Purpoſe they are adding divers Works to it, and planting Cannon upon them, in which Labour they employ daily above 5000 Peaſants.

The Veldt-Marſhal Seckendorff, whoſe Army has retreated towards Waſſerbourg, has call'd in all the Detachments he had beyond the Inn and the Salza.

The Advices we receive from the Upper Palatinate ſay, that a large Body of Huſſars has paſs'd the Naab, in order to re-enter Bavaria on the Side of Kelheim, and make freſh Incurſions; and that a Detachment of French Troops has thereupon been order'd to march towards Kelheim.

The Great Duke of Tuſcany's Army paſs'd the Danube a few Days ſince near Winzer, and went to encamp at Vilſhoffen; the Auſtrians have already extended their Poſts along the Iſer as far as Landau and Dingelfing.

Dreſden, Nov. 12. The 2d Inſtant the French got a great Number of Oxen into Prague, the Auſtrians not having been able to cut off the Convoy, for want of Boats to paſs the Elb.

Dreſden, Nov. 13. The French Garriſon, which was at Leſchen, on the Frontiers of Saxony, has retir'd to Prague; but that which is at Leutmaritz, has not been able to do the ſame, the Hungarian Troops having occupied all the Paſſes.

Dreſden, Nov. 14. The Auſtrians have taken between twenty and thirty Waggons more, loaden with Proviſions; and Prince Lobcowitz has drove the French from Konigſaal, and conſequently is become Maſter of the Moldau, as he hopes ſoon to be of the Elbe. It is ſaid that the Inſurgents, and other light Troops, who left Feſtititz after the Raiſing of the Seige of Prague, are engag'd again, and actually on their Return; though, by their Contracts, they were to winter at home.

Hambourg, Nov. 16. Private Letters from Saxony poſitively ſay that the Troops of that Electorate are to be join'd by 30,000 Pruſſians, and that the Intereſt of the Alliance on the Tapis, between Great Britain, Saxony and Pruſſia, is to oblige the French to evacuate the Empire, in caſe the Queen of Hungary ſhould be worſted.———Well blunder'd: They ought to fall upon the French while the Houſe of Auſtria is yet able to keep upon its Legs.

Prague, Oct. 20. The Enemy are ſtill on this Side of the Moldau. M. Moreau de Seychelles, our Intendant, who continues his Reſidence here, ſpares no Pains to bring Neceſſaries into the City. We have had Plenty of Meat theſe two Months, and are ſtill well enough provided for the Winter. Corn is indeed ſcarce; but as we have yet a free Paſſage thro' the Circles of Bunizlaw and Konigſgratz, the Intendant has made good uſe of it, by ſending our Purveyors to buy up Corn on the Frontiers of Sileſia, where there is Plenty of it.

Vienna, Nov. 3. We hear from Bohemia, that the Peaſants of the Circle of Leitmaritz having taken up Arms in Favour of the French, General Feſtititz ſent a Detachment againſt them, which put ſome of them to the Sword, and obliged the reſt to lay down their Arms.

Marſeilles, Nov. 6. We have receiv'd Advice that the Ship the Royal, commanded by Captain Charles Harriſel, having fallen in with four Engliſh Men of War, is carried to the Iſles of Hieres, where the Britiſh Squadron lies: She has on board 1000 Barrels of Salt Beef, which ſhe took in at Waterford. The Engliſh pretend that the Cargo was deſtin'd for the Spaniſh Fleet at Toulon; but the Truth is, that it belongs to Subjects of the Crown of France, and that the Ship was bound to this Port.

Francfort, Nov. 15. An Expreſs is arriv'd with the News of Marſhal Broglio's having join'd the Army on the Danube.

Breſlau, Nov. 9. The 3d Inſtant, in the Night, a Fire broke out at Wartenberg in the Upper Sileſia, which, for Want of ſpeedy Aſſiſtance, made ſo great a Progreſs, that 182 Houſes have been burnt down to the Ground; nothing has eſcap'd but the Caſtle, the Lutheran Church, and about 30 Houſes.

Berlin, Nov. 13. We are told that the Earl of Hyndford is charged with a Negotiation for hiring a Body of our Troops into the Service of Great Britain.——Perhaps becauſe the King of Pruſſia can't afford to pay them himſelf, and we have more Money than we know what to do with.

Bogna, Nov. 6. The Spaniſh Troops have receiv'd Orders to break up their Camp this Night: Some People think that it is in order to go and attack the Auſtrians and Piedmonteze, who have taken Poſt near Samoggia and Martignono; but the general Opinion is, that they will march back into Romagnia inaſmuch as there are large Magazines erected in that Province for their Subſiſtence.

Milan, Nov. 6. It is currently reported here that there is a new Alliance on the Tapis between the King of Sardinia and the Court of Vienna, which will link them cloſer together than that actually ſubſiſting; and that it is by Virtue of ſome Preliminaries, already ſign'd, that his Sardinian Majeſty has order'd his Generals to act in concert with thoſe of the Queen of Hungary in every thing.

Genoa, Nov. 8. The laſt Advices from the King of Sardinia's Army ſay, that his Majeſty has order'd Part of his Troops to be canton'd; that thoſe who lie under the Cannon of Montmelian are intrenching themſelves; that he has guarded all the Paſſes into Dauphine, and is reſolv'd to ſtay in Savoy until he ſees what the Spaniards will do after they have receiv'd the Reinforcement they expect.

Geneva, Nov. 13. We have receiv'd Advice, that the Spaniſh Troops, encamp'd under the Fort of Barraux in Dauphine, are making Diſpoſitions as if they intended to penetrate again into Savoy, and that the Count de Glimes, their General, has cauſed a Detachment to advance towards the Wood of Marches.

Paris, Nov. 16. As the Term during which the Garriſon of Lintz was not to ſerve againſt the Queen of Hungary expires the 24th of next Month, that Corps, which conſiſts of 10,000 Men, will, it's ſaid, be ſent to Flanders along with 30 or 40,000 Militia.

Our laſt Advices from Prague ſay, that the greateſt Part of the French Cavalry and Dragoons in Garriſon there has been remounted; and that the Duke de Chevreuſe had pledg'd or ſold his Plate, in order to remount the Dragoons, of which there are four Regiments. It is reckon'd that there are actually 4000 Horſe in Prague.——When the Nobility and Gentry of England ſhew as much Zeal and publick Spirit in a good Cauſe, as the French Nobleſſe do in a bad one, we may hope to deſtroy CORRUPTION both *Root* and *Branch*.

From the Paris A-la-main, Nov. 21.

The third Memorial which M. de Reaumur read the 13th Inſtant, at the Meeting of the Royal Academy of Sciences, relates to a very curious Diſcovery that has been made at the Hague by M. Tremblay. It is an aquatick Inſect, call'd a Polypus, which has this Peculiarity in it, that when it is cut into ſeveral Parts, each of thoſe Parts produces of itſelf, in the Space of 24 Hours, what it wants to form a compleat Body: So that this Inſect being cut tranſverſly in three Parts, the Part belonging to the Head will produce a Tail, and the Tail a Head, and the Middle a Head and Tail. Some of thoſe Inſects have even been cut tranſverſly into forty Parts, which each produced what was wanting in it to make a perfect Inſect; ſo that of one Polypus perhaps forty were made. If they be cut down through the Middle, from Head to Tail, each Half will produce another. On this Occaſion M. de Reaumur made ſeveral learned and judicious Obſervations, particularly, that as it is an Axiom that Nature is not ſingular in its Productions, ſo there muſt be other Inſects ſuſceptible of the like wonderful Production: He reports, that by Experiments already made by him, he has diſcover'd certain Earth-Worms that have the ſame Properties; but that Nature operates in them in a much longer Space of Time.

Nuys, Nov. 21. By an Expreſs which paſs'd this Evening thro' this Place for England we learn, that the Imperial Court had receiv'd certain Intelligence that 10,000 Men, viz. 15 Battalions and a proportionable Number of Squadrons, were detach'd from the French Army on the 13th, in order to join Count Seckendorff; that on the 16th the Junction was made, and that the Marſhal having receiv'd the ſame Day all his heavy Artillery from Ingolſtadt, had reſolv'd without Loſs of Time to ſummon Paſſau, which being a Place very indifferently fortified, he ſuppoſed would not make any great Reſiſtance; and having taken this Place, he propoſed to block up the Caſtle, and to march immediately with all his Forces to take Winter Quarters in Upper Auſtria. The ſame Letters aſſert, that the Marſhal had already rais'd vaſt Contributions in that Country, and in particular on one Abbey in Auſtria 40,000 Florins. It is farther ſaid, that Count Maurice of Saxony had canton'd a very conſiderable Body of Troops in the Neighbourhood of Ratiſbon, and had begun to fortify his Camp with great Diligence.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Nov. 8. The Cold and Snows were ſo intenſe laſt Week in Lammermuir, that three Soldiers and a Boy, belonging to Col. Price's Regiment, periſh'd; one of them, to put an End to his Pain, had cut his Throat. Brigadier Howard's Regiment is march'd from the Canongate, and is replac'd by Col. Price's from Berwick.

LONDON.

Tueſday his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes, ſeated on the Throne with the uſual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſ-

ſage from his Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, his Majeſty was pleaſed to make a moſt gracious Speech.

Wedneſday about Two o'Clock the Right Hon. the Houſe of Lords waited on his Majeſty with their Addreſs of Thanks, for his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech on Tueſday laſt, to which his Majeſty return'd a moſt gracious Anſwer.

Thurſday the Hon. Houſe of Commons waited on the King at St. James's, with their Addreſs of Thanks for his Majeſty's Speech, and receiv'd a moſt gracious Anſwer; after which they adjourn'd till Monday next.

We hear that Mr. Juſtice Parker will be made Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, in the room of the Lord Chief Baron Probyn deceas'd.

Mr. Serjeant Skinner, Lord Chief Juſtice of Cheſter, be made a Judge, and ſucceed Mr. Juſtice Parker.

And that Thomas Bootle, Eſq; will be made Lord Chief Juſtice of Cheſter, in the room of Serjeant Skinner.

The Carcaſe Bomb is order'd round to Briſtol, to impreſs Sailors for his Majeſty's Service; to fill up the Complements of the Ships order'd to rendezvous at Spithead.

We hear that part of the Engliſh Forces, and thoſe in the Pay of Great Britain, in Flanders, are marching to Mentz and Coblentz on the Rhine, near Lorrain, where they are to go into Winter Quarters.

'Tis ſaid her Hungarian Majeſty will ſoon grant Commiſſions to all who ſhall incline to cruize on her Enemies.

Private Letters from Paris ſay, that M. de Mæle is actually ſet out for Vienna, in order to make ſome Propoſals for an Accommodation, and that in caſe they meet with a favourable Reception M. d'Argenſon will go thither in a publick Character, in order to put the laſt Hand to the Treaty.

Letters from Hambourg inform us, that her Imperial Majeſty of Ruſſia had cauſed his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Holſtein to be proclaim'd with much Solemnity, Grand Duke of Finland.

Laſt Week Mr. Goſling, an eminent Banker in Fleet-ſtreet, in Partnerſhip with Mr. Ward, was married at Grays-Inn Chapel to Miſs Midwinter, Niece to Daniel Midwinter, of Hornſey in Middleſex, Eſq; a very agreeable young Lady, with 6000 l. Fortune.

On Sunday Mr. Shuttleworth, of Horrickford, in the County Palatine of Lancaſter, was married to Miſs Knight, Daughter of Mr. Knight, an eminent Banker in Exchange-Alley; a Lady with a handſome Fortune, remarkable for her Beauty, and happy in the Poſſeſſion of every Virtue that adorns the Fair Sex.

A few Days ſince died, at his Houſe in Red-Lion-Street, Holbourn, —— Holford, Eſq; a Gentleman poſſeſs'd of a large Eſtate in Wiltſhire; and yeſterday ſe'nnight his Corpſe was carry'd out of Town to be interr'd near his Seat at Avery in that County. He has left a third Wife, who was Daughter to Mr. Medcalf, formerly an eminent Druggiſt in Fleet-ſtreet, but no Iſſue by any of them.

A few Days ago died at his Houſe at Gaddeſton in Hertfordſhire, the Rev. Mr. John Dodgſon, Miniſter of the Pariſhes of Bagborough and Studham.

The Beginning of this Week died at Charlbury in Oxfordſhire, the Right Hon. the Lady Viſcounteſs Dowager Hereford. She was Daughter, and at length ſole Heireſs of Walter Norborne, Eſq; She married firſt the Right Hon. Lord Viſcount Hereford, by whom ſhe had no Iſſue: And afterwards married John Berkeley, Eſq; by whom ſhe has left one Son and one Daughter, Norborne Berkeley, Eſq; Knight of the Shire for the County of Glouceſter, and Elizabeth the Wife of the Right Hon. Lord Charles Noel Somerſet.

On Tueſday laſt died at his Houſe at Rotherhith, aged Eighty-five, Capt. Saunders, many Years Commander of a Ship in the Italian Trade.

Wedneſday Morning died, at his Houſe in St. Margaret's Church-yard, Weſtminſter, Mr. John Atkinſon, Clerk to the Veſtry and Workhouſe of St. Margaret's, and Clerk to the Commiſſioners of the Land-Tax for the Weſtminſter Diviſion.

Wedneſday died, at his Houſe in Hatton-garden, —— Southbury, Eſq; Ranger of Epping-Foreſt. 'Tis very remarkable of this Gentleman, that he has not been known to have gone out of his Houſe for almoſt theſe ten Years paſt.

Thurſday Morning died, at his Houſe on Newington-Green, Matthew Rapier, ſen. Eſq; who was formerly an Exchange Broker; but having acquir'd a handſome Fortune had for ſome Years retir'd from Buſineſs.

Thurſday Night was interr'd in Weſtminſter-Abbey, near the Monument of Sir Palmes Fairborne, his Father, Sir Stafford Fairborne, the oldeſt Admiral in the Navy, being appointed a Rear Admiral by King William the Third. He ſerv'd as a Flag Officer ſeveral Years in the Reign of Queen Anne, and was likewiſe one of the Council to his Royal Highneſs Prince George of Denmark for the Affairs of the Admiralty. He was promoted from time to time according to his Seniority, and was appointed Admiral of the Fleet the 21ſt of December 1708; but has never ſince been employ'd. He was a fine Gentleman, always eſteem'd a good Officer, careful and judicious in his Command, and always brave in Action.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight the Corpſe of the Moſt Reverend Dr. Hugh Boulter, Archbiſhop of Armagh, was, after lying in State in the Jeruſalem Chamber, interr'd with great Funeral Pomp and Solemnity in Weſtminſter-Abbey. His Pall was ſupported by the Biſhops of Norwich, Briſtol, Exeter, and Litchfield and Coventry: The Ceremony was perform'd by the Biſhop of Rocheſter, the whole Choir attended the Corpſe.

We hear that the Rev. Mr. Baynes, late of Myrton-College, Oxford, is preſented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Thanet, to the Rectory of Whiſton in the County of Suſſex, vacant by the Ceſſion of the laſt Incumbent. It is remarkable that this Gentleman has been 23 Years no more than a Country Curate, tho' a good Man, a fine Scholar, and an excellent Preacher.

At the Beginning of this Term at Oxford the Rev. William Derham, B. D. and Fellow of St. John's College, and the Rev. James Bradley, M. A. Aſtronomy Profeſſor, took the Degree of Doctors in Divinity; Andrew Ducaſel, of the Middle Temple, Eſq; and George Hay, Batchelor of Civil Law, and Fellow of St. John's College, took the Degree of Doctor in their Faculty, the latter of whom was immediately, by the Archbiſhop's Fiat, admitted an Advocate in Doctors-Commons.

They write from Norwich, that the Beginning of laſt Week a Fire broke out at Obey-Hall, which burnt a great Part of the ſaid Place before it could be extinguiſh'd.

A few Days ſince Mr. Cleveland, a Coal-Merchant at the Ditch-ſide, obſerving a Gentleman (with a Footman) paſs and repaſs him two or three times, enquir'd whether he wanted any Body that way? He told him he had an Order from a Friend to lay out 100 l. in Coals for the Uſe of the Priſoners in the ſeveral Gaols: The Merchant told him 'twas the Commodity he dealt in; and if he thought fit to be concern'd with him, no one could uſe him better: Whereupon he order'd a Chaldron to be ſent to his Houſe in Bartlet's-Buildings, Holbourn, as a Specimen; and two or three Days after that the Footman directed as many to be ſent to the ſeveral Gaols about London as came to 27 l. and on Friday laſt the Fellow was with him again, deſiring five Chaldrons more might be ſent to one of the Compters; but Mr. Cleveland having enquir'd after the Gentleman, found he had been only a Lodger, and that he was remov'd from the Place where he had ſent in the Specimen of his Goods; he order'd the Man to be dogg'd, hoping thereby to find out his Maſter; but the Fellow was cunning enough to ſlip away, and neither he nor the Gentleman have been ſince heard of.

On Sunday Morning laſt a Man pretty well dreſs'd was found dead in a Ditch near Kingſland Turnpike; he was not own'd on Sunday Night, nor was it certainly known how he loſt his Life; but, as he had no Marks of Violence about him, it is ſuppos'd he was in Liquor, and fell off the Cauſeway.

Laſt Tueſday Morning the Sudbury Stage-Coach was attack'd, within two Miles of that Town, by a ſingle Highwayman; there was only a Woman Paſſenger in it, from whom he took eleven Shillings, and rode off.

On Tueſday laſt ſeveral Coaches were robb'd near Maidenhead Thicket by two Highwaymen, one mounted on a Grey Mare, and arm'd with a Blunderbuſs; and the other on a Bay Horſe; they oblig'd the Poſtillion of one of the Coaches to diſmount, and open the Door of the Coach, which they ſearch'd, and found near 100 l.

Thurſday Thomas Homan, for the Murder of Mrs. Dix, was executed at the End of Fetter-Lane in Holbourn on a Gibbet 25 Feet high: He went up a Ladder, from whence he was turn'd off amidſt a great Number of Spectators: Several Scaffolds were erected, but in ſo ſlight a Manner that three of them fell down, by which Accident a young Lad was kill'd on the Spot, a Man's Skull was fractur'd, and many People had their Legs and Arms broke.

We hear that Arnold, now under Sentence of Death in Newgate for the Highway, ſold his Body to the Surgeons for ſeven Shillings.

Several Letters from New-England adviſe, that the Defiance Privateer of New-London, commanded by Capt. Webſter, has taken and brought in there a Spaniſh Privateer of 12 Carriage and 12 Swivel Guns, and 130 Men, and a Dutch Ship laden with Spaniſh Effects, which are ſaid to be of great Value.

The Union, Rogers, from Jamaica for London, is ſaid to be taken by the Spaniards.

Extract of a Letter from Sligo, Nov. 5.

'We have Advice here, that three Ships are aſhore to the Northward of Tillenhead; one a large Fly-Boat, with Deals from Drontheim for Limerick; the greater Part of the Cargoe ſav'd; the ſecond a Ship from Virginia, but know not her Name, or any Particulars; and the third, a Ship from Liverpool for Londonderry.

'Alſo that there is a Ship from Petersbourg aſhore near Killalo, laden with Hemp and Iron; it is alſo ſaid ſhe has on board a Quantity of Perſian Silk. The Captain was found dead in the Cabbin, but at preſent we know no more. I ſhall go to the Place To-morrow, to learn the Particulars, for the Information of the Gentlemen concern'd, and endeavour to ſave what I can of the Cargoe. The Weather has been very ſtormy, which prevented any Boats going off to her Aſſiſtance.

Extract of a Letter from Dartmouth, Nov. 9.

'Yeſterday arriv'd here the Catherine and Suſanna, of and for this Place from Newfoundland: She was taken in Latitude 49. 30. 260 Miles Weſt from Scilly, by the St. Peter Privateer of St. Sebaſtian's, Capt. Potier, a Frenchman, and all the reſt of the Officers French: She is a French-built Dogger Ketch, mounting 14 Guns, four Pounders, and 130 Men. Capt. Porter took out the Maſter of the ſaid Veſſel, the Mate and nine Sailors, and put two Frenchmen and nine Spaniards on board, in order to carry the Prize to St. Sebaſtian's; but four Days after, being within 15 or 20 Leagues of that Place, the Paſſengers overcame the Spaniards, and brought the Ship in here into this Port.

Extract of a Letter from Plymouth, Nov. 10.

'A very extraordinary Kind of Sea Diſcipline having been put in Practice in this Port, on board the Princeſs Amelia, I can't avoid making it publick.

'Two Men on board the ſaid Ship being caught together, and ſuppoſed to be guilty of that notorious and deteſtable Sin, Sodomy, the Captain, in order to reclaim and bring them to Shame, (the real Fact not being fully prov'd) order'd Declaration to be made among the Women on board, that they ſhould have the Correction of theſe Fellows; whereupon near twenty of the Amazonian Kind jump'd on Deck, with Cat-o'Nine-Tails in Hand, the Men being ſeiz'd and ſtript, did lay on the Stripes ſo cloſe, and with ſuch heavy Reſentment at the Crime, that, if they had not ſoon been taken off, they would have died under their Diſcipline.

Extract of a Letter from Jamaica, dated, Sept. 5.

'We have no freſher Advice of Commodore Anſon than what I ſent you by the Louiſa Man of War; excepting that by a Sloop arriv'd a few Days ago from Porto Bello, we have a Confirmation of his having left the Coaſt of Panama, where it was univerſally believ'd that he was ſail'd to the Northward, in order to ſtretch over to the Eaſt-Indies. Our Golden Harveſt ſeems to be almoſt at an End; the laſt Ships from the Coaſt bringing but little Plate, and ſhould the Peace with Spain take Place, which by your laſt I find is much talk'd of, we muſt bid adieu to our Trade with them, at leaſt for the preſent. Since my laſt there have been ſeveral Prizes brought in here by the Men of War and Privateers, and ſome of them very valuable ones. In particular, a French Ship bound from the Havana to Cadiz, on

' board of which were two Friers, who had been near
' 30 Years in these Parts, and had amass'd together a
' very large Sum of Money, with which they were
' returning to Old Spain to end their Days.

From the London Gazette.

The following is a further Account from General Oglethorpe, at Frederica in Georgia.

July the 10th. This Day was spent in going on with the Works, and sending Parties out against the Spaniards. The Indians brought in one Prisoner and several Scalps. July 11. This Day the Spanish Fleet came higher up the River, and one Galley, with 100 Men on board, and two Half Gallies, row'd up with the Tide of Flood for the Town. The General immediately detach'd a Party of the Indians to lie in Ambuscade in the Woods, left the Enemy at the same Time should attack by Land when they attack by Water; he also order'd all our Boats to be mann'd, viz. Two scout Boats, and two small Boats; then lining the Banks and the Sides of the Works round the Town (which are yet unfinish'd) with Men and Small Arms, he went to the Fort, and himself saw the Guns and Haubitzers pointed, and fir'd so warmly upon the Spanish Vessels that they seem'd disabled; upon which the General immediately went on board his Cutter, and row'd towards them with the Boats; they turn'd and row'd with great Precipitation to their Fleet, which lay about six Miles below the Town. The General pursu'd them about three Miles, and then return'd the same Evening with the Tide of Ebb. The whole Spanish Fleet fell down to the Mouth of the Sound, about twelve Miles from the Town, quite out of Sight of the Town. The same Day a Highlander, who had been missing ever since the Grenadier Fight, came in with a Prisoner; he had lost himself in the Woods pursuing the Spaniards, of whom he kill'd five, made a Sixth Prisoner, and with much Difficulty found his Way to the Town. The General gave him new Cloathing from Head to Foot, twenty Shillings Reward, and appointed him Corporal. July 12. The General having Intelligence that there was a still Silence in the Spanish Camp, and a great Damp among the Men, order'd 300 pick'd Men of the Regiment, the Highland Company, and two of the Troops of Rangers, to be ready, and march'd at Four in the Evening within two Miles of the Spanish Camp, where he halted, and order'd a Party to advance and view the Enemy's Posture, in order to attack them; when unfortunately a Frenchman, who had come down, pretending himself a Volunteer, with some of the Parties, fir'd his Piece, and deserted to the Spaniards; upon which the General finding his Purpose discover'd, order'd the Drums to beat the Grenadiers March, and return'd to Frederica. July 13. The General sent out Scouts by Land and Water, to see what they could discover, who are not yet return'd. John Milledge arriv'd from the Darien with an Express from Savannah. The General has appointed Lieutenant Hugh Mackay, and Lieutenant Maxwell, his Aid de Camps during this Invasion; and Lieutenant Sutherland, Brigade Major; and Serjeant Stewart, Ensign, in Regard to their brave Behaviour in the Fight.

BANKRUPTS.

John Long, late of Andover in the County of Southampton, Innholder and Chapman.

Stephen Jackson, late of Boston in the County of Lincoln, Merchant.

Diseases and Casualties this Week.

Diseases. Aged 40 Consumption 76 Convulsion 102 Dropsy 21 Fever 80 Small-Pox 41 Teeth 24.

Casualties. Drown'd 1 Excessive Drinking 1 Found dead 2 Kill'd by a Fall down Stairs 1 Kill'd by the Fall of a House 1 Overlaid 1.

Christen'd Males 147 Females 157 In all 304
Buried Males — 211 Females 237 In all 448
Increas'd in the Burials this Week 73.

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